



**TPC Group Plant Explosion and Fire Update
Port Neches, Texas
November 27, 2019 Morning Update**

Incident Overview:

On November 27, 2019, a report was received from the National Response Center about an explosion at a facility in Port Neches, TX. The caller was a citizen who reported the facility was Huntsman Chemical, but upon gathering additional information from the State of Texas and the local news, it was determined the facility was TPC. Reports state that the explosion was felt for miles around with damages to homes and shops in the area. The news is reporting an evacuation of a half-mile around the facility and shelter-in-place beyond that. No fatalities have been reported and only minor injuries. The plant continues to burn at this time.

Executive Overview:

- OSC Adam Adams has been activated and heading to the scene. He spoke with the facility contact and learned the following points:
 - The main chemical of concern is 1,3 Butadiene, although other chemicals may be involved;
 - All water on the facility drains to the on-site waste water treatment plant;
 - The fire is contained to the TPC Group plant at this time; and
 - Mutual aid is assisting in the fire-fighting efforts.
- The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality is activating to the Incident Command Post with air monitoring equipment.
- START has arrived on scene and is beginning air monitoring.
- At the request of TCEQ, ASPECT was mobilized and is heading to the Port Neches area.